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12. A tap [Tap] insert as defined in claim 22 [4], [characterized in that] wherein the seal is Teflon. TM _{112 2nd}

13. A tap [Tap] insert as defined in Claim 19 [2], [characterized in that] wherein the shut-off body is a cone or cylinder.

19. Tap insert for closing or separating conduits which can be installed in a valve housing connected with a conduit, comprising:

a device for connecting a tap insert with the valve housing, said connecting device having an external thread on an outside surface which can be screwed into the valve housing;

a stop body rotably disposed in the device, said stop body provided with a through channel;

an actuating device for rotating the stop body; and

a shut-off body housing surrounding the shut-off body, the shut-off body housing closing the through channel when in a closed position, the shut-off body housing provided with shut-off surfaces on its exterior that lie on a valve seat of the valve housing.

20. A tap insert as defined in Claim 19, wherein the shut-off body housing comprising a sealing material.

21. A tap insert as defined in Claim 20, wherein the sealing material is Teflon.

22. A tap insert as defined in Claim 19, wherein the shut-off body housing comprises metal or plastic; and a seal is provided on the shut-off body housing.

23. A tap insert as defined in Claim 19, wherein the shut-off body housing consists of two parts that are held together by a sleeve that encloses at least a portion of both parts.

24. A tap insert as defined in Claim 23, wherein the two parts of the shut-off body housing are comprised of Teflon and the sleeve is comprised of brass.

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25. A tap insert as defined in Claim 23, wherein the shut-off body is a ball, cone or cylinder.
26. A tap insert as defined in Claim 23, wherein the shut-off body housing comprises a sealing material.
27. A tap insert as defined in Claim 23, wherein the shut-off body housing comprises metal or plastic and a seal is provided on the shut-off body housing.
28. A tap insert as defined in Claim 19, wherein the shut-off body is a ball.
29. A tap insert as defined in Claim 19, further comprising:
a first sleeve, said first sleeve guided in the connecting device so as to adjust the length of the tap insert; and
a second sleeve that has a thread and fits on the first sleeve, said second sleeve is located on an end of the connecting device distal from the valve housing.
30. A tap insert as defined in Claim 29, wherein the shut-off body is a ball, cone or a cylinder.
31. A tap insert as defined in Claim 29, wherein the shut-off body housing comprises a sealing material.
32. A tap insert as defined in Claim 29, wherein the shut-off body housing comprises metal or plastic and a seal is provided on the shut-off body housing.
33. A tap insert as defined in Claim 19, further comprising:
a device for connecting a tap insert with the valve housing, said connecting device having an external thread on an outside surface which can be screwed into the valve housing;
a stop body rotably disposed in the device, said stop body provided with a through channel;
an actuating device for rotating the stop body;
a shut-off body housing surrounding the shut-off body, the shut-off body housing closing the through channel when in a closed position, the shut-off body

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housing provided with shut-off surfaces on its exterior that lie on a valve seat of the valve housing;

a first sleeve, said first sleeve guided in the connecting device so as to adjust the length with the tap insert; and

a second sleeve that has a thread and fits on the first sleeve, said second sleeve is located on an end of the connecting device distal from the valve housing;

wherein said shut-off body is a ball, cone or cylinder.

34. A tap insert as defined in Claim 35, wherein the shut-off body housing comprises a sealing material.

35. A tap insert as defined in Claim 35, wherein the shut-off body housing comprises metal or plastic and a seal is provided on the shut-off body housing.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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19. Tap insert for closing or separating conduits which can be installed in a valve housing connected with a conduit, comprising:
 - a device for connecting a tap insert with the valve housing, said connecting device having an external thread on an outside surface which can be screwed into the valve housing;
 - a stop body rotably disposed in the device, said stop body provided with a through channel;
 - an actuating device for rotating the stop body; and
 - a shut-off body housing surrounding the shut-off body, the shut-off body housing closing the through channel when in a closed position, the shut-off body housing provided with shut-off surfaces on its exterior that lie on a valve seat of the valve housing.
20. A tap insert as defined in Claim 19, wherein the shut-off body housing comprising a sealing material.
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 - a stop body rotably disposed in the device, said stop body provided with a through channel;
 - an actuating device for rotating the stop body;
 - a shut-off body housing surrounding the shut-off body, the shut-off body housing closing the through channel when in a closed position, the shut-off body

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housing provided with shut-off surfaces on its exterior that lie on a valve seat of the valve housing;

a first sleeve, said first sleeve guided in the connecting device so as to adjust the length with the tap insert; and

a second sleeve that has a thread and fits on the first sleeve, said second sleeve is located on an end of the connecting device distal from the valve housing;

wherein said shut-off body is a ball, cone or cylinder.

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REMARKS

Claims 12, 13 and 19-35 are pending in the application. The foregoing amendments are primarily for the purpose of placing the claims in proper form.

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